

# Maternal, Infant, and Early Childhood Home Visiting (MIECHV) American Rescue Plan (ARP) Application FAQs

## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS:

- 1. Can my organization apply if we do not currently implement Nurse Family Partnership (NFP) home visiting services?**
  - a. No, your organization must currently implement Nurse Family Partnership in Indiana to be eligible for this funding. This program will not fund new home visiting implementation or the start up of a new home visiting agency.
- 2. Can my organization apply to increase NFP services within counties already served?**
  - a. Yes, organizations can expand within a county, but must identify new communities where Indiana MIECHV funds do not currently support home visiting services and does not supplant current available funding available for home visiting service delivery.
- 3. Why does the MIECHV ARP funding focus on communities impacted by COVID-19?**
  - a. The [American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 \(P.L. 117-2\)](#), added section 511A of the Social Security Act to support activities related to the immediate and ongoing needs of families in response to the COVID-19 public health emergency. Service expansion is critical to reaching those families and communities disproportionately impacted by the pandemic, including communities of color, and addressing their needs.
- 4. Can my organization submit two applications?**
  - a. No, but one organization can apply to expand Nurse Family Partnership services in multiple new communities.
- 5. Does this require a match?**
  - a. No, the funding opportunity does not require a match, but there must be a sustainability plan in place for after this one-time funding ends.
- 6. Is there a specific way to write the application and budget?**
  - a. Yes, please use the provided application and budget templates following the instructions on the Request for Applications (RFA) posted online at: <https://www.in.gov/health/mch/funding-opportunities/>.
- 7. Is there a limit for funds that can be requested?**
  - a. Yes, applicants cannot request more than the total award amount of \$706,383. Up to four awards will be announced.
- 8. Am I able to continue to use funds past my contract date?**
  - a. No, funds must be spent before the end contract date, or they will revert back to the Indiana Department of Health.
- 9. Is MIECHV ARP funding separate from MIECHV formula (X10) grant funding?**
  - a. Yes, MIECHV ARP funding is separate from MIECHV formula funding. If funded by both grants, recipients will need to track program activities and funding separately.
- 10. In order to expand, our agency would need to hire new nurse home visitors. Would we need to also hire a new nurse supervisor?**
  - a. Agencies need to remain in fidelity to the NFP model and ensure that nurse supervisors maintain the appropriate level of staff on their teams.

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**11. Is there an opportunity for this grant to be renewed after the initial two years?**

- a. This is a one-time funding opportunity. While IDOH hopes to find ways to support agencies in continuing these expanded services beyond the two year timeframe, no additional funding is guaranteed after this grant period ends.

**12. My agency currently has a waitlist for clients. Would they be considered a “new community” that are eligible for service expansion under this grant?**

- a. Yes, this funding opportunity is intended to expand NFP home visiting services to communities not currently being served by MIECHV-funded NFP programs. Since those waitlisted clients are not receiving NFP home visiting services currently, they would be considered a ‘new community’ for service expansion. These funds cannot supplant or replace current available funding for NFP services. In the application, you would need to identify this need for expanded services beyond the normal levels of funded services (and indicate the communities you would intend to serve with this funding).